WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) Government has not yet taken a decision on the subject.

(c) Question does not arise.

Agitation by Service Doctors

350. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether service doctors, represented by the Service Doctors Association have been agitating and staged a dharna at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi on February 18, 1998, to press their demands pertaining to Non-Practising Allowance and other perks as per 5th Pay Commission recommendations;

(b) if so, what were their demands and the precise nature of the dispute involved; and

(c) the Government's reaction in resolving of the dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) Service Doctors had protested at Nirman Bhawan on 18th February 1998 for implementing the Recommendations of the 5th Central Pay Commission relating to Non Practising Allowance and other Allowances.

(c) Government has issued orders on 7th April, 1998, granting Non-Practising Allowance according to the Recommendation of the 5th Central Pay Commission.

दरभंगा में केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना का स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र

351. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह यादव: क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:**

(क) क्या सरकार दरभंगा (बिहार) में केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना का कोई स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र बनाने हेतु विचार कर रही है; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि दरभंगा (बिहार) में डाक्टरों की लापरवाही के कारण किसी न किसी व्यक्ति की मृत्यु के संबंध में प्रतिदिन एक समाचार अखबारों में प्रकाशित होता है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार ऐसी घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलित एजिलमलाई) : (क) सरकार को वर्तमान नीति के अनुसार केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना (सीजीएचएस) की सेवाएं पहले ऐसे राज्यों की राजधानियों में प्रदान की जानी हैं जो निर्धारित मानदण्डों को पूरा करते हों और उनके लिए संसाधन उपलब्ध हों। केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना का उसके बाद देश के अन्य शहरों में विस्तार किया जाएगा, जो कि आवश्यकता, संभाव्यता, संसाधनों की उपलब्धता और केन्सस्वा० योजना के मानदण्डों को पूरा करते हों। इस समय दरभंगा (बिहार) में केन्स्वा० योजना केन्द्र खोलने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार के ध्यान में ऐसी कोई खबर नहीं आई है। तथापि, स्वास्थ्य राज्य का विषय होने के कारण संबंधित राज्य सरकार को आवश्यक निवारक उपाय करने होते हैं।

Incinerators for Hospitals

352. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many of hospitals in Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai have incinerators and effectively manage medical waste, metro-wise;

(b) whether the hospitals use to segregate waste at source which is one of the key elements required for effective management of medical wastes;

(c) whether hospitals workers especially nurses and auxiliaries and porters are being immunised against hepatitis in the cities at risk; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) 'Health' being a State subject, it is the responsibility of the concerned State Government to ensure proper segregation, and also to provide incinerators or other alternative technology in the hospitals under their administrative control for disposal of medical waste. However, the Medical Superintendents of Central Govt. Hospitals are required to ensure

the segregation of hospital waste at source in different containers/bags. The Central Govt. Hospitals in Delhi, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, PGIMER, Chandigarh and JIPMER, Pondicherry have incinerators for disposal of Hospital waste.

(c) and (d) This Ministry has requested all the State Governments/Union Territories to start the Immunisation Programme against Hepatitus 'B' for the employees of the Hospitals/Medical Institutes under their administrative control. A similar programme has also been started to immunise the Hospital Workers of Central Government Hospitals in Delhi.

Unethical Research on Cervical Cancer of Women in Alipur, Delhi

353. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of an unethical research on cervical cancer being carried out in Alipur village in Delhi using women as guinea pigs;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made by Government into the unethical medical research being carried out in the village;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) A community based study was carried out by Institute of Cytology & Preventive Oncology (ICMR) from January 1985 to March 1993 at Alipur Primary Health Centre. The study aimed at assessing the feasibility of screening for cervical precancerous and cancerous lesions by collection of Pap smear through the existing health infrastructure. The Project protocol including its ethical aspect was reviewed and accepted by the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Institute and Project Advisory Committee of the Project.

During the intervention phase of the study, a total of 5396 women were screened. None of the women screened had cancer. However, 19 cases of dysplasias were detected. Except one case of refusal, all moderate and severe dysplasias were managed and no experimental intervention effort was attempted.

(b) to (d) As there was no unethical aspect involved in this study, the question of inquiry does not arise. The back up service facility was kept in mind throughout the study period and all the women including those with dyspasia detected during this study were provided appropriate management.

Steps to popularise Laproscopic surgery

354. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps, if any taken/ contemplated by Government to popularise, subsidise and common-man friendly use of laproscopic surgery for treatment of hernia, gall-bllaer etc.; and

(b) details of Government hospitals in metros where it is available and at what rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) Central Government Hospitals in Delhi have facilities for Laproscopic Surgery. Free Laproscopic Surgery for Gall Bladder Problems is conducted when Surgery is considered necessary as per medical advice, and after obtaining the consent of the patients concerned. Other Government Hospials in Metros are under the control of respective State/UT Governments, and information regarding such facilities and charges for the same have not been compiled by the Ministry.

Non-availability of essential Mediciens in CGHS Dispensary

355. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments are aware that Medical Incharge of CGHS Dispensary, Sector-VI, R.K. Puram, New Delhi is not giving proper attention towards the availability of essential